Natural Gas	—	Rs. 2.30/kwh.
Naphtha	—	Rs. 3.64/kwh.

ISI operation from Bangladesh and Myanmar

*216. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISI has opened second front against India from Bangladesh and Myanmar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Pakistan ISI has been using Bangladesh for providing material and logistic support to some of the North East insurgent groups. However, there are no reports to indicate ISI involvement in providing assistance to the North East insurgents based in Myanmar.

(c) The Government has already taken up the matter with the Government of Bangladesh.

Dialogue with extremists in North-East

*217. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started any dialogue with extremists in the North-East; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken for the improvement of the situation there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Government is willing to talk to any group that abjures the path of violence. Currently ceasefire/suspension of operations is on with various militant group as under:

Group/Faction	Date of Commencement	Upto	Area Covered
NSCN (I/M)	01.08.1997	31.07.2005	Nagaland

Group/Faction	Date of Commencement	Upto	Area Covered
NSCN (K)	28.04.2001	28.04.2005	Nagaland
UPDS	01.08.2002	31.07.2005	Assam
DHD	01.01.2003	31.12.2004	Assam
NLFT (NB)	15.04.2004	31.12.2004	Tripura
ANVC	23.07.2004	22.01.2005	Meghalaya

Peace dialogue is in progress with NSCN (I/M) only. Thirty rounds of talks have been held between representatives of Government of India and the NSCN (I/M) leaders. NSCN (I/M) leaders are now in India to hold further discussions.

(b) Government's policy is to hold dialogue, pursue socio-economic development programmes, have right kind of laws and modernise & strengthen the Police/Security Forces, to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent persons in society.

Providing electricity to the cent-per cent population in the country

†*218. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1991 only 30 per cent of total population of the country was using electricity and it has reached to only 43 per cent in 2001;

(b) if not, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made an assessment of the total requirement of electrcity for providing electricity to the cent-per cent population of the country; and

(d) if so, the details of this requirement and to what extent the electricity being generated at present is less than the assessed requirement?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per 1991 census, 42.37% of the households were having access

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.